MR. FRANCIS TO THE PRESILENT. Lon. V. Stephens on the Witness Stand-Congratulates and Thanks Him for Indoming the Fair-

The following message was wired to President Roosevelt last week:

"St. Louis, Dec. 3, 1901.-The President, Washington: Hearty congratulations on your very able message. It is forceful and broad. All the peopeople of St. Louis and the Louisiana Purchase thank you sincerely for your strong indorsement of our commemorative exposition. We bespeak continued co-operation, and with it guarantee an exposition surpassing all predecessors. DAVID R. FRANCIS."

PRESIDENT'S INDORSEMENT OF FAIR

"I bespeak the most cordial support from the congress and the people for the St. Louis Exposion to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase. This purchase was the greatest instance of expansion in our history. It definitely decided that we were to become a great continental republic, by far the foremost power in the Western Hemisphere. It is one of three or four great landmarks in our history-the great turning point in our development. It is eminently fitting that all of our people should join with heartiest good will in commemorating it. and the citzens of St. Louis, of Missouri, of all the adjacent region, are entitled to every aid in making the celebration a noteworty event in our annals. We earnestly hope that foreign nations will appreciate the deep interest our country takes in this exposition, and our view of its importance from every stand soint, and that they will participate in securing success. The national government should be represented by a full and complete set of exhibits."

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A Gentie Hint.

"Do you always preach without notes?" inquired the new vestryman. "Yes," replied the old minister.

"Don't you think you might do bet-

ter if you preached with notes?" "Undoubtedly I would if they were five or ten-dollar notes."-Philadel-

Pile-ine O tres Piles.

Money refunded if it ever fails. Anti-Ague cures Chills and Fever.

Ex-Governor Lon V. Stephens was one of the witnesses called before Notary Ott at Independence last Saturday to give testimony in the case of W. O. Cardwell against the St. Louis Republic. Governor Stephens was not accompanied by an attorney, as were the other witnesses, but Frank P. Walsh, who is representing Mr. Cardwell, prompted him and told him what questions he did not have to answer.

Among the questions Mr. Stephens declined to answer were the following:

"Did you not, when governor, ask and get from Phelps transportation for your friends?"

"Did not Mr. Phelps, at your request, furgish transportation to many delegates to attend the convention which nominated you?"

"You never knew of anything in the conduct of Colonel Phelps inimical to the public interests and good morals?"

"While you were Governor did you not ask Colonel Phelps to furnish transportation to employes in your office?"

Mr. Stephens said that Tony Steuver, the St. Louis brewer, had at one time given him \$1,000 for the campaign, and might have given him as much as \$3,000 at other times. Steuver was aftewards made police commissioner, and when Mr. Lehman, attorney for the Republic, asked if there had "been any obligation" in the giving of the money that the appointment had satisfied, Mr. Stephens got mad.

Ed Orear was also a witness, and between the two they made things decidedly uncomfortable for the Democratic state ring. They did not say so much, but when a question was asked, bearing on the rottenness and corruption at Jefferson City, each declined to answer.

The row is only fairly started, and developments of a most sensational character are expected.

Stepped Into Live Coals.

"When a child I burned my foot frightfully," writes W. H. Eads, of Jonesville, Va., "which caused horrible leg sores for 30 years, but Buck-lea's Arnica Salve wholly cured me after everything else failed." Infalli-ble for Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Sores, Bruises and Piles. Sold by P. H. Franklin. 25c.

The Questions They Ask.

"Are you married?" inquired the book agent.

"I am," answered the merchant.

"Have you children?"

"I have."

"And they have the usual amount of carlosity?"

"They certainly have."

"Then let me call your attention to the encyclopedia I am selling."

Thus we see how the resourceful man leads up to the point where a purchase cannot well be avoided. - Chicago Post.

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Which are the people of Missouri expected to accept as correct—the reports sent out by state auditors from year to year or the one dished up by the Dockery and Allen experts? The chances are good, however, that neithsatisfy the people about the true condition of Missouri finances is for a nonpartisan committee, appointed according to law, to make a thorough he got mad playing croquet. examination without the assistance or ery and his little coyote yelping sheets over the state cannot force the people to accept their figures. Especially is this true when at one time it is claimed that the certificates of indebtedness are as good as cash and with a few days they are included in the amount of state indebtedness.—Osceola Republican.

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A Few Smiles.

Myrtle: Do you think it is safe for me to go out on the lake alone with you? Joe: Why not? Myrtle: Well, the last time I went with a young man he kissed me.

Dick: Isn't golf a good deal like er of them will be. The only way to croquet? Jessie: Certainly not. Dick: Well, I heard a fellow over on the golf links using the same kind of language I once heard a fellow use when

Housewife: See here, I found two interference of interested parties. Dock-, pebbles in the milk bucket yesterday. Milkman: I am not surprised, ma'am; the water is very low just now in the brook where the cows drink.

Kate: Marie declares that the men are all slike. Edith: Then you can't blame her if she takes the first one that offers himself.

Jennie: Is it true, dear, that when you proposed to me you didn't know whether I was worth a penny? Joe: Yes, but I was always willing to take great risks.

Maud: Ever since our engagement George teases me by kissing me on the back of my neck. Clara: Oh, he probably does that because he can't see your face from there.

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